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In re application of

Docket No: Q68586

Junko KUDO, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/076,448

Group Art Unit: 1624

Confirmation No.: 9880

Examiner: Emily B. Bernhardt

Filed: February 19, 2002

For: OPTICALLY ACTIVE 4-(TERT-BUTOXYCARBONYL) PIPERAZINE COMPOUND,
AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement, dated June 2, 2003, Applicant elects Group I, claims 1-4 and 13 for examination. This election is made with traverse.

Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claims 5-12.

The Examiner is requested to rejoin the Group II claims, drawn to the compound of formula (3), on the basis of their similarity to the compounds of Group I.

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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,


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